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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136, it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to file the attached <u>Appeal Brief</u>. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (IBMS.002PA) in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the extension fee for a large entity. Authority is given to charge/credit necessary fees/overages to Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (IBMS.002PA) as required by this filing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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